

did chase the night round about the world continually, the greatnesse of the Land and Sea, the diversitie of nations, varietie of complexions, and many other such like matters, they all stood as amazed with admiration."

But, their wonder subsiding after a while, Smith was bound to a tree; they gathered around him in a circle, and prepared to make him a mark for their arrows. At this moment, influenced probably by the desire of exhibiting his captive alive, Opechancanough held up the compass, as a signal for sparing him. The savages laid their arms down for the present, and soon after conducted him, in triumphal procession, to Orapaks. This was a hunting-town in the upper part of the Chickahominy swamp, much frequented by Powhatan and his royal relations, for the plenty of game which was found there. They marched in Indian or single file, their sachem in the centre, with the English swords and muskets borne before him. The prisoner followed next, held by three savages, on each side of whom marched a file of six Indians. They seemed to be in great dread of Smith's strength and ingenuity.